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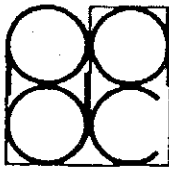
629 D Street, NW (Industrial Building)
Washington
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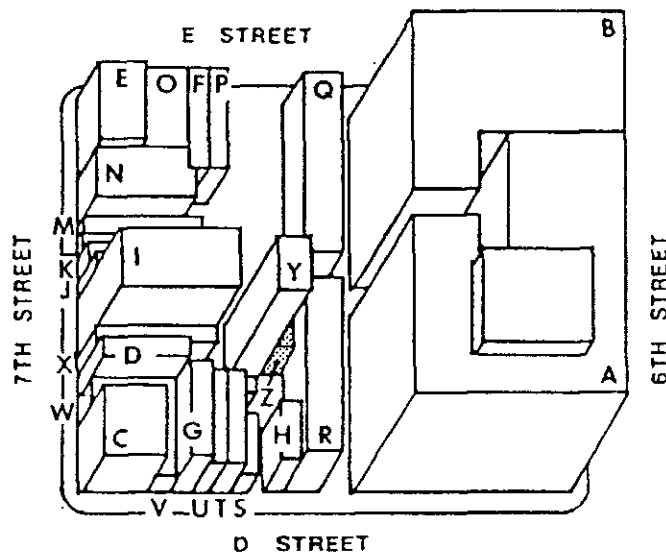
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BUILDING DOCUMENTATION

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Industrial Building
Rear 629 D Street, NW
Lot 865



This documentation was produced for mitigation purposes by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. Additional documentation exists for Square 457, within which this structure stands. For photographs, historical, and descriptive data on Square 457, see HABS No. DC-597.

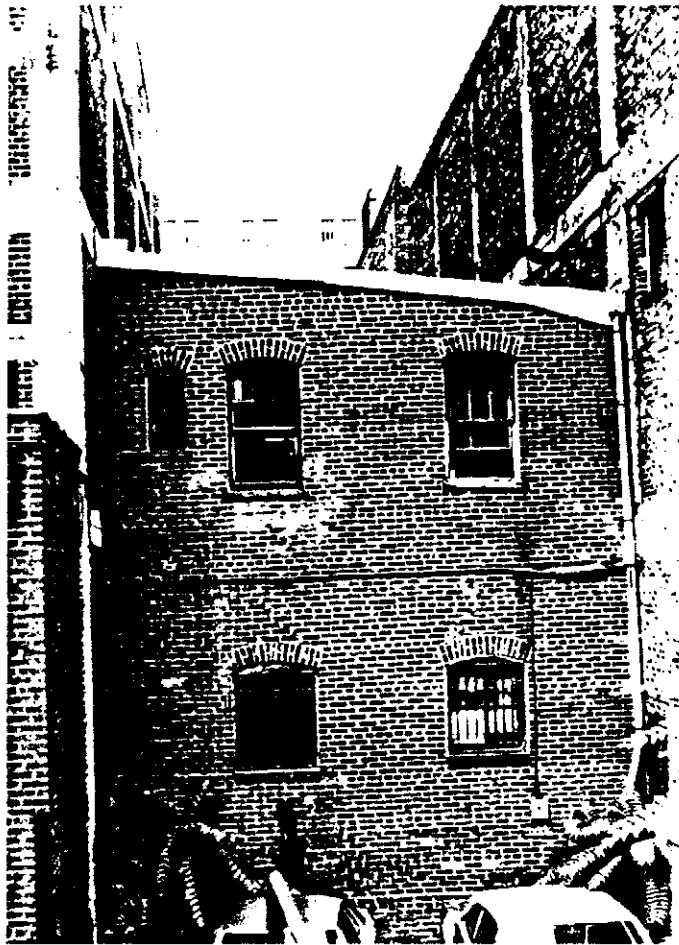
GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This utilitarian two-story building is on a lot, sixty-seven feet deep and twenty feet wide, located mid-square in Square 457. Its north facade, flush with its contiguous neighbors, an eight story warehouse of 1930 to the west and the 1926 Central Armature Works to the east, faces a public alley. Its doorless south facade, located three feet from the property line, can be reached through the vacant lot at 631 D Street and the rear of the older Central Armature Works Building at 629 D Street. This south facade is of common bond red brick, with segmental heads over the windows. The north facade, obviously newer, is primarily concrete block. A double-hung wood window and fan opening on the second floor and an overhead freight door on the ground floor are each spanned by a steel lintel holding a brick soldier course. In addition, the wall to the right (west) of the freight door is brick. The roof slopes gently from west to east. The building is connected internally to the 1926 Central Armature Works building and is used by that firm.

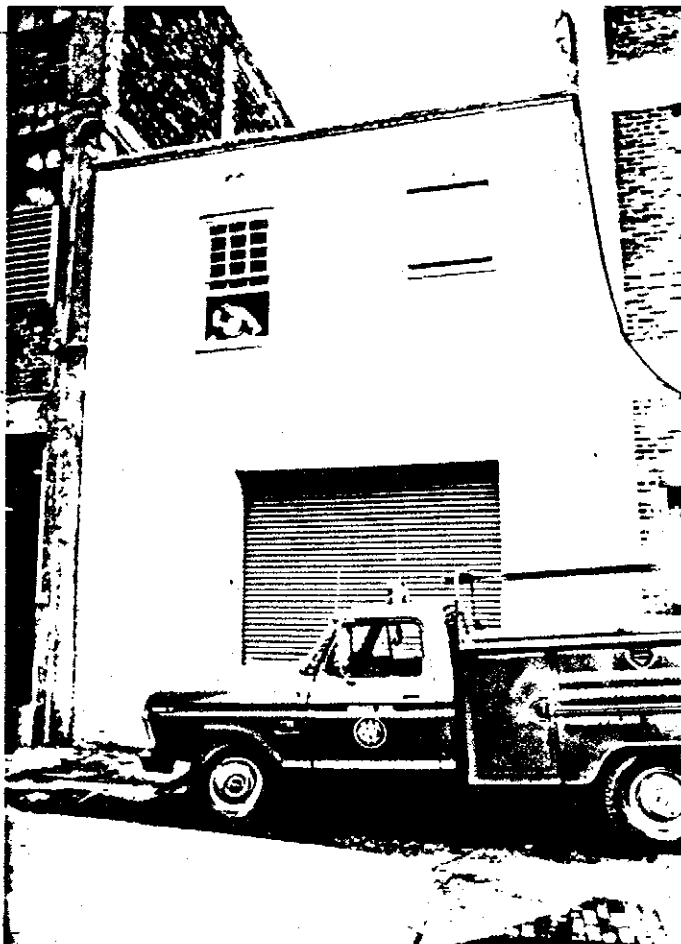
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This unassuming utilitarian building of straightforward construction is of no particular distinction. Apart from its apparently still viable economic use, it has no impact on the streetscape due to its small size and mid-square location.

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SOUTH ELEVATION



ALLEY (NORTH) ELEVATION

Lot 5
625-629 D Street

When originally platted (1872, Bastert), Lot 5 was a slender rectangular Lot located in a low, central area of the Square. It was bordered on the east and north by narrow public alleys.

1819.....G. Bumford owned the lot. No land value was recorded.

After this date in the Tax Assessment Records the lot was subdivided into numerous properties, individually listed.

Lot 5 Background (Sublots S, 865)

The background property, Lot S, was located behind Lot P. Dimensions are unavailable. Because of the lots location off the street, no tenant listings are available.

1824.....Samuel Bacon owned the property until 1870. The lot and improvement values were \$312.00 and \$1200.00, respectively.

1829/33..The assessment to the lot increased to \$415.00, while the building improvement value remained at \$1200.00.

1844.....The lot assessment was again, \$415.00.

1859.....\$935.00 was the lot value.

1870.....Samuel Phillips owned the lot. The improvement value was \$500.00.

1878/79..Phillips' lot was assessed for \$534.00.

1883/84..Now titled Lot "S" in the Records, the land was worth \$669.00. Phillip's was still the owner.

1893/94..A substantial increase in the lot value occurred - it had risen to \$1337.00. The building improvement value was \$1000.00.

1899/
1900.....Phillips assessment dropped to \$1003.00. The improvement cost was \$700.00.

1974.....The PADC Property Map indicated the lot was renamed No. 865.

SOURCES

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District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds

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District of Columbia Tax Records

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Property Map for Downtown Urban Renewal Area for District of Columbia Redevelopment
Land Agency

Sanborn Insurance Map